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OBSERVANCE OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recognizing that the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, on 24 October 1995, is an occasion of historic significance,

Agreeing that it would be fitting for the General Assembly, at its fiftieth session, to make special arrangements through which the fiftieth anniversary could be commemorated with due solemnity, dignity and significance,

Agreeing also that the special session should take place at the level of Head of State or Government,

Agreeing further that the occasion should be taken as providing an opportunity for the General Assembly to make a declaration based on the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Noting that a Drafting Group of the Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations has been established to prepare the text of the declaration for consideration by States,

1. Decides to convene a Special Session of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held at United Nations Headquarters from [22 to 24] October 1995;

2. Also decides that arrangements for the Special Session should be made as follows:

(a) Invitations will be issued to all Member and Observer States at the level of Head of State or Government;

(b) All heads of delegations to the Special Session will be afforded the opportunity to address the Special Session and requested to ensure that their statements will be for a time not exceeding seven minutes;

(c) An agreed Declaration of the Special Session will be adopted on 24 October 1995;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to write to all Heads of States Members of the United Nations and of Observer States advising them of these arrangements and inviting them to participate in the Special Session of the General Assembly on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, and requesting them to advise him, by 30 November 1994, of their participation and representation and of whether or not they propose to address the Special Session;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on replies received in order to enable the Assembly, at that session, to recommend to the Assembly at its fiftieth session a precise timetable and agenda for the Special Session of the Assembly in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and a suggested timetable for the conduct of the general debate of the fiftieth regular session of the Assembly.